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-- Suitable embodiments of the flake structure are disclosed in a copending application Serial Number 09/198,733, filed on November 24, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,157,489 and entitled "Color Shifting Thin Film Pigments," which is incorporated herein by reference. Other suitable embodiments of color shifting or optically variable flakes which can be used in paints or inks for application in the present invention are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,135,812, 5,171,363, 5,278,590, 5,084,351, and 4,838,648, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 29-41 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Once Amended) A security article comprising:

a light transmissive substrate having a first surface and an opposing second surface, the first surface having an optical interference pattern; and

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a color shifting optical coating on the second surface of the substrate, the optical coating providing an observable discrete color shift such that the article has a first background color at a first angle of incident light or viewing and a second background color different from the first background color at a second angle of incident light or viewing;

wherein the article exhibits an optical interference effect in addition to the first and second background colors.